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SUBJECT: ANOTHER SPLIT IN ITALY'S NEO-FASCIST PARTY (MSI)

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1. ON JUNE 5, MASSIMO ANDERSON AND SEVERAL OTHER LEADERS OF THE SMALLEST AND MOST MODERATE OF THE THREE MAJOR FACTIONS OF THE FAR-RIGHT "NEO-FASCIST" ITALIAN SOCIAL MOVEMENT (MSI) RESIGNED FROM THE MSI IN PROTEST AGAINST A SHIFT TOWARD A MORE WXTREMEIST LINE. SPECIFICALLY, ANDERSON, LEADER OF THE "POPULAR RIGHT" FACTION AND A FORMER MSI YOUTH LEADER PROTESTED AGAINST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MSI SECRETARY ALMIRANTE AND MSI HARD-LINE FACTION LEADER PINO RAUTI, FORMER LEADER OF THE EXTREMEIST ORGANIZATION "NEW ORDER" (ORDINE NUOVO) AS A RESULT OFWHICH ALLEGED "NEO-NAZI" RAUTI BECAME A MEMBER OF THE MSI SECRETARIAT. RAUTI AND HIS GROUP SHOWED IMPRESSIVE GAINS

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IN STRENGTH AT THE MSI CONGRESS EARLIER THISIQN
ALTHOUGH STILL SMALLER THAN THE DOMINANT LAMIRANTE-RO-
MUALDI GROUPING.

2. ON JUNE 7, INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST DAILY LA REPUBBLICA ANNOUNCED THAT THE MSI YOUTH FRONT'S CONGRESS ENDORSED THE RAUTI-
ALMIRANTE ALLIANCE AND VOTED TO EXPEL ANDERSON'S FOLLOWERS

FROM THEIR RANKS. MSI DAILY IL SECOLO CLAIMED JUNE 7 THAT MANY OF ANDERSON'S FOLLOWERS ARE STAYING WITH MSI RAHTER THAN FOLLOWING ANDERSON.

3. COMMENT. WITH RAUTI'S ACCESSION TO THE LEADERSHIP RANKS AND THE LOSS OF ANDERSON'S FACTION, THE MSI'S IMAGE BECOMES EVEN MORE DISREPUTABLE AND EXTREMIST, ADDING TO THE EFFECT OF ARRESTS OF RIGHT-WING ITALIAN TERRORISTS IN BOTH ITALY AND SPAIN EARLIER THIS YEAR AND OF ONGOING TRIALS FOR PAST RIGHT-WING TERRORISM AND COUP PLOTS (ROME 9348). THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS ET AS TO WHETHER ANDERSON'S FOLLOWERS WILL JOIN WITH THOSE WHO LEFT MSI EARLIER TO FORM NATIONAL DEMOCRACY (DEMOCRAZIA NAZIONALE--SEE REFTEL AND PREVIOUS), WHICH FORMALLY INCORPORATE ITSELF AS A POLITICAL PARTY IN FEBRUARY. WHETHER OR NOT RAUTI'S RISE AND ANDERSON'S DEFECTION WILL FURTHER DIMINISH MSI'S POPULAR FOLLOWING TO THE BENEFIT OF ITALY'S DEMOCRATIC PARTIES REMAINS TO BE SEEN. GARDNERHOLMES

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